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In re Patent Application of:)
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Serial No. **09/827,386**)
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Filing Date: **April 5, 2001**)
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For: **'VIRTUAL' ENCRYPTION SCHEME**)
COMBINING DIFFERENT)
ENCRYPTION OPERATORS INTO)
COMPOUND-ENCRYPTION MECHANISM)
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Corrected
Application Papers, Applicant requests entry of the following
Preliminary Amendment.

In the Abstract:

Please delete the present Abstract and substitute
the new Abstract as follows:

Abstract of the Disclosure

A method controllably encrypts data to be
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and data receipt by passing data to be transported over the
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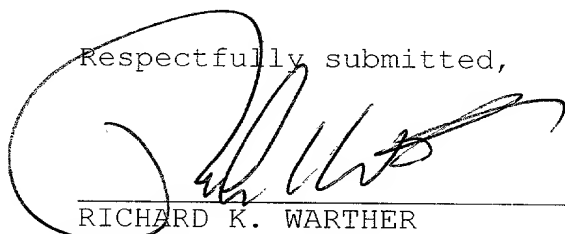
respectively different data encryption operators to produce a compound encrypted output data stream that is an encryption of the first encrypted data stream.

REMARKS

Applicant received the Notice to File Corrected Application Papers that indicated the application was informal and required a new Abstract not to exceed 150 words in length. The present Preliminary Amendment corrects this informality and a new Abstract that is less than 150 words in length is submitted.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification and claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

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